

MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority convened at 1:00 p.m. via teleconference only at 470-869-2200/meeting ID 428-245-6027 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:

Authority Members	MMG Staff
Les Hall	Randy Croxton
Clem Kaikis	Anthony Williams
Gina Ramsey	Mark Harrison
Chuck Martin	Mike Howard
Sharon Pinder	Stanley Tucker
Laura Pasternak	Tim Smoot
Kenny Oreagba	Robin Harris

Attorney General's Office
Barbara Kountz, Deputy Counsel

AGENDA

MINUTES

December 16, 2020

January 7, 2021

MODIFICATION

Phenomenal, LLC

NEW REQUESTS

Healthy Kitchen Jewels, LLC

The Spa K, Inc.

The River Beas, LLC

Moe's Family, LLC

Black Eye Productions, Inc.

CF Holdings, Inc., dba Power Tots

Shri Krishna Hospitality, Inc.

Ankit, Inc.

Sandip, Inc.

The closed session of the January 7, 2020, meeting was summarized. The Authority Board meeting was attended by Les Hall, Clem Kaikis, Laura Pasternak, Chuck Martin, Mara Sierocinski, Sharon Pinder, and Gina Ramsey. The meeting was closed pursuant to General Provisions Article 3-305(b)(13), to comply with a specific statutory requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter, that is, the Maryland Public Information Act, which prohibits disclosure of trade secrets, confidential commercial and confidential financial information. The meeting was closed to discuss the new COVID-19 Fund requests of MIK Industries, Inc., Mighty Behavioral Health Services, LLC, 88 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, LLC, Bonaberi Shipping & Moving, Inc., Devo Unlimited, LLC, Law Offices of Edith Ok, LLC, Levin Chiropractic, P.A., Sweet Potato Kids, Inc., Afro-American Company of Baltimore City, Inc., BC Tours & Travel, Inc., Integrated Imaging, Inc., Mid Atlantic Team Sport, Ltd dba Yorktowne Sports, Baltimore Times/Times of Baltimore, Inc., FatCat Studios, Inc., and Perfect Harmony II, Inc. Sweet Potato Kids, Inc. was withdrawn. All of the remaining 14 COVID-19 loan requests were approved.

COVID 19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund

MIK Industries, Inc. - \$150,000
Mighty Behavioral Health Services, LLC - \$85,000
88 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, LLC - \$32,000
Bonaberi Shipping & Moving, Inc. - \$70,000
Devo Unlimited, LLC - \$50,000
Law Offices of Edith Ok, LLC - \$35,000
Levin Chiropractic, P.A. - \$75,000
BC Tours & Travel, Inc. - \$50,000
Integrated Imaging, Inc. - \$25,000
Mid-Atlantic Team Sports, LTD - \$50,000
Baltimore Times/Times of Baltimore, Inc. - \$95,000
FatCat Studios, Inc. - \$40,000
Perfect Harmony II, Inc. - \$49,000
The Afro-American Co. of Baltimore City, Inc. - \$50,000

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Action Taken:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes with an amendment to the January 7, 2021 minutes.

The Open Meeting then closed at 1:15 p.m. upon motion made and seconded, and approved by all voting members, the meeting was closed pursuant to General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b) (13), "to comply with a specific... statutory... requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter", that is, the Maryland Public Information Act prohibits disclosure of trade secrets, confidential commercial and confidential financial information. Chairman Les Hall signed the Presiding Officer's Written Statement for Closing a Meeting under the Open Meetings Act, which is attached to these minutes as an exhibit.

APPROVED:



Celester A. Hall
Chairman

DATE:

1-27-21

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**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT
(General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting:

Date: January 14, 2021

Time: 1:18 pm – 2:20 pm

Location: Held by conference call only due to COVID 19 pandemic at
470.869.2200/428 245 6027

Motion to close meeting made by: Laura Pasternak; Seconded by Sharon Pinder

Vote to Close Session:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Celester Hall, Chair, Designee Secretary of Commerce	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Clemis Kaikis, designee of Comptroller	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Charles Martin	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Kehinde Oreagba	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Laura Pasternak	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Sharon Pinder	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Gina Ramsey	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Mara Sierocinski	[]	[]	[]	[x]

2. Citation of statutory authority to close session (check all that apply): This meeting is being closed under General Provisions Article § 3-305(b), only:

____ (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;

____ (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;

____ (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;

____ (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;

____ (5) To consider the investment of public funds;

____ (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;

X (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;

____ (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

____ (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;

____ (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;

____ (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;

____ (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;

X (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;

____ (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, *if* public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

3. Disclosure of the topics to be discussed, for each citation checked above:

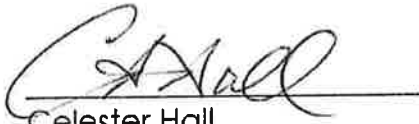
§3-305(b)(13) topics: Discussion and evaluation of the applications received from potential borrowers for financial assistance under programs of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, which applications include the disclosure of financial information of private individuals and confidential commercial and financial information.

§3-305(b)(7) topics: Legal advice from counsel to the Authority with respect to the applications.

4. For each topic listed in #2, disclosure of the reason for discussing it in closed session rather than in open session:

§3-305(b)(13): Financial information of private individuals is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-336) and confidential commercial and financial information is protected from disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act (§4-335).
§3-305(b)(7): Protection of the attorney-client privilege.

This statement is made by Celester Hall, Chair of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority, Presiding Officer.


Celester Hall
Chair